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The MIT women's fencing team concluded its season with a fourth-place finish in the NEWIFA team championships. Outstanding in the meet was freshman Michelle Prettyman who made team history by taking the trophy in the beginners division.

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OUTSIDE

MIT's statement on spying on foreign students has been reviewed by the administration and sent back to its drafters for further work, according to President Jerome B. Wiesner. MIT officials were dissatisfied with the wording of the statement, Wiesner said; the new draft will be announced as soon as it is completed.

The student body overwhelmingly approved a referendum question on last week's Undergraduate Association ballot which asked President Jerome Wiesner and Chancellor Paul Gray '54 to appear in an open forum on the Taiwan inertial guidance training program, but it is unlikely that they will do so in the near future. President Wiesner explained that there are a lot of questions about the program that he does not know the answer to at the present time. The Ad Hoc Committee on Institutional International Commitments is now studying the matter, he noted.

Student monitors are now back at the bicycle compound behind Building 13. The compound will be monitored from 7:45am to 5:45pm Monday to Friday, and the Campus Patrol recommends it as a very safe place to park bicycles.

Retired General William Westmoreland said that by backing down in the Angola and Vietnam conflicts, the United States has allowed the Soviet Union to become the world's number one power.

ERRATA

The letter referred to in Tuesday's *The Tech* regarding the alleged spy incident at the Taiwan training-program teach-in ("Passport denials follow teach-in") was not printed in Tuesday's issue. That letter is printed on page 2 in today's issue. *The Tech* regrets the error.

Levich: reject surrogate scientists

By Tina Krontiris

It is the duty of Western scientists to help their Soviet colleagues attempt to emigrate, said Yevgeny Levich, of the Weismann Institute, in an appeal to the MIT community last Monday.

As a way to exert pressure on the USSR, Levich suggested that MIT and other institutions reject the "substitute" scientists and extend repeated invitations to prominent Soviet scientists.

Levich, whose father, academician Ben Levich, is awaiting emigration from the USSR, said that this is the best time to exert the pressure, because the Russians are eager to develop exchange programs.

He informed his audience that this interest in exchange programs stems primarily from a desire to travel abroad and only secondarily from a belief in the exchange of technological knowledge. In the USSR, he said, the privilege to travel abroad is one of the highest, and Russians of all ranks will do anything they can to acquire it.

It is especially difficult, however, he pointed out, for high-ranking scientists to be permitted to leave the country, because those people are considered to be in possession of "secret information." Nor do



Mike Garcia

Yevgeny Levich, a Soviet scientist who emigrated five years ago, says it is the "duty" of Western scientists to help Soviet scientists like his father who wish to emigrate.

the Russians have any clearly defined guidelines, he remarked, as to what they consider secret.

Levich reminded his audience that Soviet officials usually send "substitutes" to scientific conferences — instead of the specific persons invited. He said that American academicians should refuse to accept these substitutes — however rude it may be. When the substitutes are repeatedly rejected, he asserted, USSR

officials will be forced to relax their attitude — they will not sacrifice their exchange program.

When American academic institutions such as MIT invite Soviet scientists for a visit, Levich said, they must keep in mind the biases and opinions of the Russians, who have a peculiar sense of prestige and authority.

If, he explained, MIT wishes to extend an invitation, it should

do so through the National Academy of Science — because the Russian NAS has greater authority, and, therefore, the invitation seems to be more official to them.

The technocrats of the USSR believe in doing everything "officially," Levich said, and this usually means that they like to deal with an authority that is known to them as being the highest.

It is difficult for high-ranking Soviet scientists to gain a visa, Levich said, but it is even more difficult for Jewish scientists.

His father, Ben Levich, a prominent Jewish scientist who gave up his position as nuclear physicist in 1959, was promised permission to leave the USSR by 1975, but he was finally refused a visa.

"In the case of my father," Levich said, "they did not even claim that possession of secret information was the reason." He added that the Soviet officials gave no reason for denying his father a visa.

Levich, his wife, his brother and his sister-in-law were permitted to emigrate five years ago and have been waiting for their father to join them.

The talk Levich gave was sponsored by the MIT Committee for Azbel, Lerner, and Levich.

Student apathy still a problem

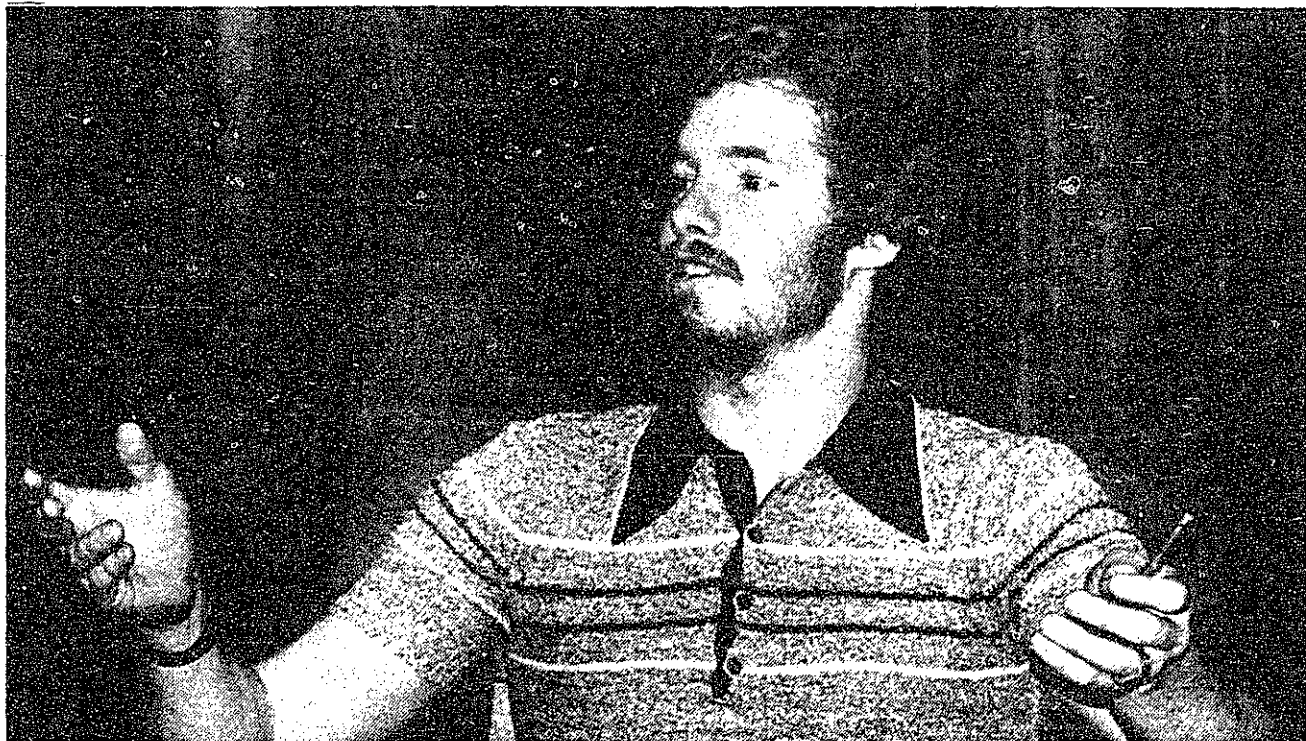
Student Committee members in a meeting last Tuesday stated they aren't getting a wide enough range of student input and feedback about their roles.

The student representatives, speaking at a forum open to the public, complained that students "just aren't interested" in seeing what actually goes on in committees around the Institute. Only two students showed up to listen.

"How can you find out what the student view is?" asked Vic Franckiewicz '76, a member of the Committee on Discipline. Referendums he said, are expensive both in dollars and man-hours, a few people bother to vote. Another representative complained that "most students don't come up and say anything to you — only when they disagree with everything." David Hoika '77, a member of the Committee on Curricula said "I think it really is important to be representative of student interests," adding that it is often possible to talk to people about issues in dorms, labs and departmental areas to find out what they think.

Committee members can be effective on committees the representative agreed, although Franckiewicz said that representatives are often "having to do the mundane day-to-day things that students don't care about, but not having an input in places where decisions are made that really count."

Students may be disenchanted with committees because of "grease" they see in the Nominating Committee proceedings and the lack of true student



Gordon Haff

Nominations Committee chairman Stan Martin '77 denies that the committee contains any "grease," but notes that it must sometimes appoint its own members to other committees. "If we didn't appoint our own members, who would?"

representation in its membership, said Hoicka. Nomcom Chairman Stan Martin '77 denied any "grease," but commented that "the self-perpetuating nature of the Nominating Committee is looked on with disfavor by the students as a whole. 'If we didn't appoint our own members, who would?' he asked.

A suggestion that some members of the Nomcom be elected was quickly tabled, and Martin said, "We're not going around looking for other groups to those who's going to be on the committee," but he added that "everyone who shows up at the hearings to appoint new members to the Nomcom generally gets on the committee."

Smoking ban requested

The faculty has approved a resolution asking that smoking be banned in classrooms and lecture halls, in accordance with a Cambridge ordinance that went into effect last fall.

The resolution, adopted at the regular meeting of the faculty on Wednesday, was prompted by the referendum question on the Undergraduate Association ballot last week which called for an end to smoking in classrooms. Students approved the question by a 5-1 margin.

Although MIT is not exempt from the ordinance, as President

Jerome Wiesner pointed out at the meeting, there have been no noticeable efforts to enforce it within the Institute since it was passed on Sept. 15, 1975.

However, the Registrar's Office is ready to put up "No Smoking" signs within a few days, according to Professor of Mechanical Engineering David Wilson. Wilson, who is one of the faculty advisors to MIT Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), a group that lobbies for non-smokers' rights, added that ASH would supply the "No Smoking" signs at no cost.

feedback

Taiwan spying in 1966

To the Editor:

The spying on the Formosan students at the "Missiles for Taiwan" teach-in at your campus reminds me of a spying incident at Kansas State University which I encountered ten years ago.

I was elected to head the non-registered Formosan Students Association at KSU. When I decided to apply for registration at KSU, pressures from the Chinese Nationalist regime's US agent, the "embassy", began to mount. The foreign student advisor was warned not to allow me to file the application, which he ignored. After successfully filing the application, I was forced to undergo an ordeal of interrogation — to defend my application — in front of some twenty student senators. Almost all senators asked me questions (I suspect the tough questions were all provided by the Nationalist agent) something like: (1) Formosa is only part of China, not itself a country. At KSU each country is represented by no more than one student club. Since China is already represented by the Chinese Students Association, the application for a Formosan Students Association should not be approved. (2) The embassy had already explicitly informed the Senate that it would not entertain the idea of a Formosan Students Association. (3) If the Senate approved the application, the existing Chinese Students Association would boycott, the embassy would exert inconvenience to the school authorities, and without a doubt, to me also. (4) The Senate had previously denied a similar application filed by the dissident students from the Philippines to have a separate students club. If the Senate approved the Formosan students' application, it would be against the Senate's established policy. The defense was made closed-door.

While I was defending my application, two Chinese — the head of surveillance and the President of the Chinese Students Association — were spying at the door. After a half-hour ordeal, a hot debate among the senators ensued. Another half-hour later, the President of the Senate opened the door to inform me of the Senate's decision in the Formosan students' favor. The two spies left with clear

indignation.

Since that day, I received repeated harassments: the foreign student advisor was forced to leave. (The President of the foreign students associations, a graduate student from Pakistan, told me that the Chinese Nationalist embassy pressured KSU's president to fire the foreign student advisor because of allowing me to file the application). I was visited again and again by different Chinese students. My name was placed on the blacklist at many consulates and embassies. They even reported my name to the US's FBI and CIA. When I transferred to the University of Texas a year later, they pressured Dr. Neal, Director of the International Office at the University of Texas to warn me, saying, "If you do things offending the Republic of China, I will send you back to Taiwan as I did to a dissident Iranian student to be executed!" Finally, the Chinese Nationalist regime revoked my passport.

Ten years later, the harassment to the Formosan students is unabated. On February 20, two Formosan students, who had been spied on at the teach-in, went to Boston's Chinese Nationalist consulate to ask for renewal of their expiring passports. The consul told them they did not "behave" very well at MIT and were denied renewal of their passports.

The spying control is part of the grand design of the "Free China" regime to perpetuate its exploitation in Taiwan. Other mechanisms they use are: perpetual martial law, a network of secret police and informers, a dossier system, 12 political prisoners' camps, strict censorship, taxation without representation, denial of party competition, and denial of elections for major national offices such as the President of the regime, the Governor of Taiwan, the Mayor of Taipei, and ninety percent of the members of Congress. It is no wonder that in its January 19, 1976 issue, *U.S. News and World Report* could publish a finding by Freedom House, which shows that "Free China" received the lowest ranking (as low as mainland China) in political freedom.

"Free China" is neither free nor China.

N.H. Wang
March 3, 1976



Class campaign called 'discouraging'

To the Editor:

As candidates in the recent Class Elections, we would like to point out to the student body a few things about the elections that we found quite alarming.

First of all, the Undergraduate Association made no attempts to seek out prospective candidates. There was absolutely no publicity for the upcoming elections until after the Nomination Petitions were due. Most of the students I spoke to said that they knew nothing of the elections until people started approaching them for signatures.

We were fortunate enough to have a member of our living group involved in the election, thus giving us sufficient time for preparation. However, a very large pool of possible candidates was overlooked by the UA.

Secondly, the election rules set by the UA were not enforced. Rule 2 of the Campaign Rules and Guidelines states that campaign posters "must be posted only on Institute bulletin boards reserved for events or ads — not activity space bulletin boards, walls or windows. Candidates may not have duplicate posters on the same bulletin

board." However, such was not the case. Campaign posters were everywhere — on doors, blackboards, elevators, even on trees! It was not uncommon to see several of the same poster within inches of each other on the same bulletin board. An even greater source of perturbation to one of us was the fact that, of 60-70 posters put up around the Institute, no more than 10 remained up for longer than 24 hours.

Nor did *The Tech* follow its own rules. Candidates were asked by *The Tech* to submit a statement of no more than 150 words for publication in the newspaper. We took great pains to limit our statements to approximately 150 words. Needless to say, we were quite annoyed to see that *The Tech* had printed statements from some of our opponents that were close to 300 words.

The experience of running for office has been a discouraging one for some of us. We made the decision to write this letter several days before the election. After all, communication between the students and their government was one of the major issues, and we think that it is important for students to know what really goes on.

Bowei Lee '79
Sharon Lowenheim '79
March 12, 1976

Fiji-LCA incident: a reply

To the Editor:

In the several months since the LCA incident our house has refrained from making any public statement about the incident, the Judcomm ruling, or its subsequent appeal. During this time we have read and heard statements from individuals who admit to knowing little or nothing concerning the facts of the incident, yet take it upon themselves to speak with great authority about the matter and its ramifications. Because of these comments, we find that we can no longer remain silent and allow falsehoods and half-truths to be accepted as fact.

First of all, the reason we have declined to come out with specific details of the incident and will continue to do so is that the nature of what happened is of such vulgarity that we wish to respect the privacy of those brothers of our house who were victimized. We take extreme exception to the conjectures that have been made implying that we discouraged any individual from making a criminal complaint. Even more ridiculous is the idea that those involved "surely knew that it was coming when they started their little escapade." An abnormally active imagination would be required to even conceive of such activities as came to pass that evening. This same writer stated: "I doubt that anyone really believes that the 'assault' was un-

provoked." In our way of thinking, there is no provocation severe enough to justify the actions taken by LCA.

We have no intentions of judging the morality of any individual or group. Morality is a personal matter to be decided by oneself — except when it infringes upon the rights of another person. Nor do we condone the painting of the bridge — it was a foolish act. But let no one underestimate the seriousness that we place on LCA's actions or our intent to see justice done.

William H. Kaiser
President, Phi Gamma Delta

Engineering school plan

To the Editor:

Several comments are in order concerning the article "Engineering Proposes Merger Plan" which appeared in Tuesday's edition of *The Tech* (March 9, 1976) and addressed Dean Alfred H. Keil's paper "Proposed Changes in MIT's School of Engineering."

First, no decision has been made to implement or not to implement this or any other plan for changing the organizational structure of the School of Engineering. Before such a decision can be made substantial additional discussion with the School's faculty must occur. Second, even if a decision were made to change the organi-

zational structure, a period of several years would be required for the new structure to evolve and come into operational existence. Third, the Committee on Engineering Education is charged with the responsibility to provide the leadership for educational reform within the School and to insure that the School's undergraduate and graduate programs meet its educational goals in the long term. Thus, their consideration of any reorganization plan will be limited to its educational aspects.

James D. Bruce
Associate Dean
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Fencers fourth in NEs

By Jeannette Wing

(Jeannette Wing '78 is a member of the MIT women's varsity fencing team)

The MIT women's fencing team ended its season with some of the best performances in the team's history last Sunday at Holy Cross, in the New England Women's Intercollegiate Fencing Association (NEWIFA) Team championships. Three MIT teams entered, one each at the varsity, junior varsity, and beginners levels, all fencing well.

The varsity squad — Angela Chaney '76, Judy Austin '77, and Jeannette Wing '78 — displayed remarkable improvement over last year by placing fourth out of fourteen teams. (Last year they placed sixth out of fewer teams.) After losing the first two matches to Brown and Dartmouth, the momentum of the fencing finally picked up and the varsity team surged ahead to win nine of the next eleven matches. Austin fenced the most consistently of the three, beating nine of her thirteen opponents. Wing won seven bouts and Chaney won five. MIT fell behind to Brandeis, U.R.I., and Yale, even though MIT had beaten both U.R.I. and Yale during the tournament.

Led by Karen Kaufman '77 and supported by Meredith Boice '78 and Liz Ng '79, the junior varsity squad fenced only five other teams and came in fifth. Kaufman proved her skill by winning four out of five bouts; both Boice and Ng beat two of their five opponents in convincing victories.

The beginners' squad of Michelle Prettyman '79, Sue Nelson '77, and Martha Williams

'79 placed fourth out of eleven schools, moving up in rank by two over last year, a significant jump. Prettyman fenced superbly, winning eight out of ten bouts; Nelson impressed the team with seven victories and Williams contributed five strong wins.

After the team championships, six girls from each level who had won enough bouts during the team matches fenced to determine the rank of the individual fencers. Kaufman entered at the junior varsity level and Prettyman at the beginners level. Prettyman's victory in this class was a first for the MIT women's fencing team.



The MIT ski team had its best performance of the year at the Division II championships.

Ski ends injury-filled year

By Peter Horowitz

(Peter Horowitz '76 is a member of MIT's varsity skiing team.)

The MIT ski team concluded a disappointing season with its best performance of the year at the Division II championships in Gunstock, N.H.

During the season the team was hit by a multitude of injuries and illnesses, but by the Division II weekend everyone was reasonably healthy although a lack of training due to injuries and sickness still showed.

High points in the meet for MIT were a 7th place finish in the cross-country by co-captain Steve Ryan '77 (he had a 4th place finish a few weeks earlier at Sunday River in Maine) and a 7th place finish in the jumping by Peter Horowitz '76 (including

the longest jump of his career: 116 feet).

Matt Stein '78 did well in the giant slalom (11th place) and in the cross-country (17th place) but was disqualified in the slalom, which is usually his best event. Tom Stevens '79 led MIT in the slalom with a 24th place, and was 22nd in the jumping. Colin Maynard '79 placed 26th in the cross-country.

The prospects for next year are much better as the team will only be losing co-captain Debbie Stein '76, who was unable to ski in the championships due to a back injury.

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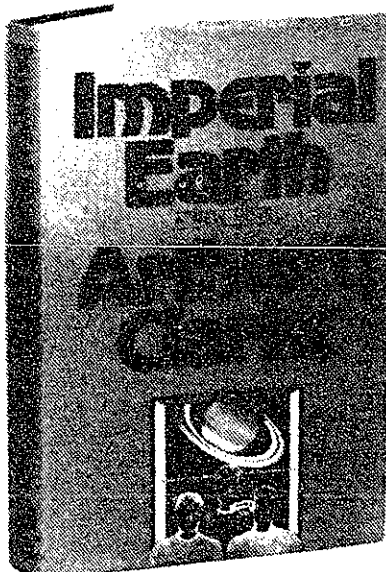
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